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THE SCHOOL

The school activities for the year 1917-18 began on September 10, with the usual period of preliminary work. As a result of the experience of former years the plan was introduced of supplementing the actual practice and observation with a number of lectures explaining the more simple library terms and processes. A definite program was arranged for the two weeks, with observation of each particular operation scheduled to follow the lecture upon the subject. Eleven students were enrolled for this work, and the result seemed to justify the belief that the new feature would prepare beginners more effectively for the regular Library School instruction, and that it would put the members of the entering class more nearly on a common footing.

The advance registration suffered somewhat by reason of the abnormal conditions existing this year. One of the men who was to have enrolled left in the fall with a hospital unit; another was prevented from coming by the expectation of being drafted at an early date. The registration finally stood as follows:

REGULAR STUDENTS

Andrews, Marie Le Baron, Parkersburg, W. Va.	Dunlap, Alice Mae, New York City.
Bartlett, Barbara, Lewiston, Idaho.	Edmonds, Ruth Nicholas, Westfield, N. J.
Barton, Elaine, Richmond Hill, L. I.	Ferguson, Mary Elizabeth, Colby, Kansas.
Bonnell, Margaret Randolph, Plainfield, N. J.	Fisher, Marjorie, Danbury, Conn.
Bowes, Jessie Reeves, Roland Park, Md.	Greenebaum, Bertha, New York City.
Burns, Alice Curley, Rockaway Beach, L. I.	Hu, Thomas Ching-Sen, Wuchang, China.

James, Margaret Brock, New York City.	Rhodes, Gertrude, Hempstead, N. Y.
Johnson, Cornelia, Austin, Texas.	Schiefelin, Mary Jay, New York City.
Jones, Ruth Eleanor, Cleveland, Ohio.	Sloat, Minnie Farnham, Rahway, N. J.
Lacy, Florence Jackson, Richmond, Va.	Snyder, Mabel Floy, West Monterey, Pa.
McCombs, Nelson Wilbor, Columbus, O.	Walbridge, Earle Francis, Burlington, Vt.
Pratt, Adelene Jessup, Asbury Park, N. J.	
Reed, Ramona Elizabeth, Du Bois, Pa.	Wing, Jessie Elizabeth, Troy, N. Y.

PART-TIME STUDENTS

Brooker, Rosalie Alice, Cleveland, O.	Fox, Louis Hewitt, New York City.
Doggett, Marguerite Verity, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rackstraw, Elsie, Bay City, Mich.
	Webb, K. Louise, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ADVANCED STUDENTS

In administration:

Behr, Florence. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Boerlage, Louise Marie. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Brown, Martha Johnston. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Bull, Louise Patterson. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Davidson, Isabel. Library School of The Carnegie Library of Atlanta.
 Gantt, Edith. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Reid, Jeanie M. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Tafel, Leonore A. Drexel Institute Library School.

In college library methods, and advanced reference and cataloguing:

Boswell, Harriett. Library School of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta.
 Crooks, Muriel Augusta. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 De Leon, Florence. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Duncan, Eleanor ffolliott. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 McDonald, Lurene. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 McMillan, Dorothy Margaret. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Pafort, Emma Louise. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Saxton, Ruth. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Shaw, Marian. Library School of The New York Public Library.

In school and children's library methods:

Andresen, Cecile Catharina. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Bertemy, Laura M. J. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Bowman, Virginia. Library School of The Carnegie Library of Atlanta.
 Crowe, Helen Louise. Pratt Institute School of Library Science.
 Fiery, Marion H. Pratt Institute School of Library Science.
 Janeway, Helen Hamilton. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Yelgerhouse, Frieda Johanna. Library School of Western Reserve University.

In special library methods:

Grannis, Helen Wark. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Holmes, Marjorie Herbert. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Lamb, Frances. Library School of The New York Public Library.
 Udin, Sophie Ada. Library School of The New York Public Library.

The advanced courses this year are four in number, one being devoted to administration, one to college library methods and advanced reference and cataloguing, one to school and children's library methods, and one to special library methods. The amount of time given to study does not differ materially from that of former years. The compiling of bibliographies and the preparation of a thesis have been made elective, however, it being possible to substitute certain instructional units for work of this nature. Between the opening of school and the Christmas recess four unit-courses were given, these consisting of the work devoted to administration, to printing and book-making, to advanced cataloguing, and to school library methods. Series of lectures of some length were conducted by Mr. F. F. Hopper, Professor A. S. Root, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens Forrest, Miss Mary E. Hall and Miss Henrietta Bartlett.

An earlier number of Library School Notes recorded the new faculty appointments up to September first. Since this time there have been added Miss Ruth Warrick and Miss Margaret Jackson. Miss Warrick is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and Simmons College School of Library Science. She came to the School by transfer from the Reference Cataloguing Division on September 21, and is giving her time chiefly to cataloguing revision. Miss Jackson's duties consist in the supervision of the advanced courses and in the assisting of Miss Newberry in the conduct of the training course. Miss Jackson was for a number of years assistant to the art editor of the Century Magazine, and assistant in the editorial office of the Century dictionary and cyclopedia. She took her certificate at the Library School of The New York Public Library in 1915, since which time she has been connected with the H. W. Wilson Company as editor of the "Book Review Digest."

The School has had the pleasure of hearing as visiting lecturers Miss Mary E. Downey speak on the work of a library organizer, and Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick on "Libraries and National Service." Dr. Bostwick was engaged by The New York Public Library Staff Association to speak at its meeting on November 26, an appointment which made it possible for the School to secure him also.

The third Chinese student to attend the School is now enrolled, this being Thomas Ching-Sen Hu, who is a graduate of Boone University, Wuchang.

THE TRAINING CLASS

Beginning with the present school year the Training Class for Junior Assistants in The New York Public Library was placed under the direction of the principal of the Library School. The course this year extends over eight months, and is under the direction of Miss Marie Newberry of the Library School faculty. The new organization is the outgrowth of a plan developed by Mr. Root, the former principal, and Miss Ernestine Rose, who until this year supervised the training class for the Library. It offers work amounting to five class periods a week, the students spending the remainder of their time in practice at the various branches of the Library. One instructional hour per week is devoted each to history, social and civic matters, and to the study of The New York Public Library and its organization, and two to literary subjects. Under this plan students who have just graduated from high school, presumably at the age of eighteen, may after examination be enrolled in the training class. It is contemplated that they shall spend eight months in the training class, and following this a year in one of the branches of The New York Public Library, at the end of which service they will have reached the age of eligibility for the Library School and can apply for entrance to the School under the usual conditions. Twenty-seven students are enrolled.

The relation of the training class to the Library School consists only in the fact that it is supervised by the school faculty and directed by a member of that faculty. Former students in the School are requested to assist in emphasizing the distinction between the training class and the Library School.

WAR SERVICE

The School is represented in the various forms of war-time activity by several former students. Helen Scarth, 1911-12, is in a munitions factory in New Jersey, having previously done work of similar nature in Canada. Frederick Goodell, 1912-14, is library organizer and librarian

at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Forrest B. Spaulding, 1912-14, is librarian at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and is now spending five days each week organizing the library there. E. J. Roswell Hawley, 1913-15, returned lately to the United States after working for six months with a private ambulance corps in France. Francis J. Dolezal, 1913-15, is with the 14th Regiment of the New York National Guard. Perrie Jones, 1915-16, is now working in Paris for the Young Women's Christian Association, having sailed about November first. Mabel Howe, 1915-17, is an assistant in the A. L. A. Dispatch Office at The New York Public Library. Karl H. Koopman, 1916-17, is a member of the 8th Coast Defense Command. Elizabeth Stewart, 1916-17, left in the fall for canteen work in France, and word has recently come reporting her safe arrival in Paris. Ralph Gossage, who was enrolled in the School as a part time student in 1914-15, has in the last three years participated in several forms of service. He went first to relief work in Belgium. When this was abandoned last spring he contemplated joining an ambulance unit in France, but was called back to this country by the very serious illness of his father. As soon as he was able to leave home again he went to Iowa, where he spent part of the summer on a farm, this being the kind of war work which came most immediately to hand at the time. An opportunity then arose to join a Red Cross ambulance unit, and while waiting orders he spent several months in the emergency division of the City Hospital at Minneapolis. He is now in camp at Allentown, Pennsylvania, with this unit, and has been helping in the camp library there. Mr. Gossage visited the Library and Library School about the middle of November, having come to New York to gather ideas as to how to conduct his library work at Allentown. His address is U. S. A. A. C. 557, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Miss Sutliff has been in touch by correspondence with Mr. Dolezal and received recently from him the following letter:

Camp Wadsworth, S. C.,
November 12, 1917.

MY DEAR MISS SUTLIFF:

I received the two packages you had the kindness to send me and I thank you very much for the same; and will you please convey my thanks to whomsoever

worked on the sweater, muffler and wristlets. An aunt of mine sent me a sweater, which I received just the day before your package arrived, so I gave the sweater to Corporal Vierow, who asked me to thank you for the same. The muffler and wristlets will see a lot of service this winter.

I have seen all the numbers of the *Atlantic*, but read over again the different war articles. They meant more to me this time, especially the personal experiences of the soldiers. Although I have had the magazines only a few days, they have been through several hands and there is quite a number of men waiting to get a chance to look them over. As to the library periodicals, I have read the *Library Journal* up to the September and October numbers, which you have sent me, but have not seen *Public Libraries* for either September, October or November. We all will appreciate what you may do for us in the line of sending literature. Do you know what the A. L. A. intends to do for Camp Wadsworth? As far as I know they are not planning to erect a library building in this camp. Mr. Jennie, who manages the Y. M. C. A. branch nearest to my regiment, now has on display a few books. He has 250 volumes sent by the A. L. A., but they are always out with the exception of a big Webster's dictionary, a French-English dictionary, and two or three other books. There are about 8,000 more volumes on the way, and Mr. Jennie thinks about 900 out of that lot will be assigned to him. I may be able to spend two or three evenings in the Y. M. C. A. and help Mr. Jennie with the books.

To-day our battalion was digging trenches. Our trench system is nearly finished and I understand we will have to live periodically in the trenches for 48 hours, during which time sham-battles will be fought. As it is I can picture in my mind clearly what the European soldiers have had to undergo during the last three years after seeing all the barbed wire entanglements, machine gun emplacements, etc. In about two weeks we will hike to the range for shooting practice. The range is about 28 miles from Camp Wadsworth.

Once more I thank you for everything you have done for me and wish to remain

Very gratefully yours,
(Signed) FRANK J. DOLEZAL.

Auxiliary No. 234 of the New York County Chapter of the Red Cross is operating under the direction of Miss Sutliff. It has prepared nineteen mufflers, eleven sweaters, fourteen pairs of wristlets, ten pairs of socks, eight helmets, and one cap, — sixty-three pieces in all; some of which have been sent to former Library School students now in military service, the remainder being distributed by the Chapter proper. Miss Mary E. Hyde, instructor in the Library School, is secretary of the Auxiliary and will be glad to receive contributions either in money, yarn, or finished work.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social meetings of about the usual number and character have served to further the acquaintance of students, faculty and alumni.

Miss Sutliff led the school on a picnic trip to the Staten Island stamping ground on Saturday, October 13th. Hallowe'en was observed in room 68 by a party tendered by the advanced students to the faculty and entering class. A tea was given by the juniors in honor of Dr. Bostwick after his lecture on November 26th. A group of the juniors who were remaining in the city over Thanksgiving were entertained by Miss Sutliff on that day, the party first going on a walk through Bronx Park and later to Miss Sutliff's rooms for dinner. The Twelfth Night assemblies have been held regularly through the fall. In October the alumni were entertained by Miss Sutliff and Miss Handerson at Miss Sutliff's rooms; in November by Messrs. Vail and Campbell at the quarters occupied by them and Messrs. Cannon and Hodgson in Weehawken; while the December meeting was held at the Library School, the feature of the evening being a talk by Miss Helen M. Scarth, 1911-12, concerning the work she has recently taken up in a munitions factory.

PERSONALS

Former Students

1912-13

Azalea Clizbee, 1912-14, has been engaged to catalogue the private library of Mr. W. L. Clements at Bay City, Michigan.

Mary Ethel Jameson, 1912-14, has resigned from the staff of the Dunwoodie Technical Institute, Minneapolis, to accept a position in the Science Division of The New York Public Library.

Clara L. Murray was married at Sacramento, California, on Saturday, October 27, 1917, to Charles Reader Blood, Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

Gertrude Wilson was married to Lieutenant Frank Lawrence Beattys on December 6, 1917, at Middletown, Conn.

1913-14

May V. Crenshaw, 1913-15, has recently organized the library section of a Survey Exhibit covering Albemarle County, Virginia.

This county exhibit was supported by seven agencies, and was arranged with a view to improving community conditions. Material was sent from the Library School to assist Miss Crenshaw in her work. She reports that the display elicited much interest and expresses the hope that it may lead eventually to a campaign for a library.

Mrs. Katharine Maynard, 1913-15, is now assistant librarian in the library of the National Industrial Conference Board, Boston.

Dorothy Rogers, 1913-15, has given up her place at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to take charge of the West Side Branch of the St Paul Public Library.

Frances Young, 1913-15, has accepted the position of first assistant in the public library of Montgomery, Alabama.

1914 - 15

Margaret Calfee (Library School of Western Reserve University, 1913-14) is now in charge of a high school library at Kansas City, Missouri.

Elsie May Cornew (Drexel Institute Library School, 1908-09) has given up her position as first assistant at the Tremont Branch of The New York Public Library to join the staff of the Newark Free Public Library.

Lillian Hodge is holding a position in the Highland Park High School Library, Detroit, Michigan.

Louise Elizabeth Jones (1914-16) has been made librarian of the Rivington Street Branch of The New York Public Library, having formerly been first assistant at the Washington Heights Branch.

Jessie C. MacCurdy (1914-16) was married on August 28th to Warren Burnet.

Charles V. Park was married on September 1 to Frances June Odenheimer.

1915 - 16

Lucy Condell (Drexel Institute Library School, 1903-04) has left the Rivington Street Branch of The New York Public Library to take a position in the General Traffic Department of the Erie Railroad, New York City.

Sheldon Fletcher, 1915-17, has resigned her place in the Aguilar Branch of The New York Public Library to become a high school librarian in the Newark Public Library.

Mrs. Helen Wark Grannis, 1915-17, has resigned her position at the Fort Washington Branch of The New York Public Library to become a statistical file clerk for the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

1916 - 17

Ellen Brown has joined the staff of the "News Leader," Richmond, Virginia.

Sigrid Holt has taken a position in the Missionary Research Library, New York City.

Elizabeth Hoyt has been appointed librarian at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Katharine Kendig has left the Rivington Street Branch of The New York Public Library to accept a position in the East Orange, N. J., Public Library.

Dorothea MacPherson has accepted a position in the cataloguing department of the library at Columbia University.

Dorothy Watson has resigned her place in the Technology Division of The New York Public Library, and has joined the staff of the Library of the United Engineering Societies, New York City.

Former Faculty Members

Miss Agnes Van Valkenburgh has left the staff of the H. W. Wilson Company to become librarian of the public library at Bay City, Michigan. Her successor at the H. W. Wilson Company is Miss Catharine S. Tracey. Miss Tracey's work will be of a bibliographical nature and will have to do chiefly with the Cumulative Book Index.

A CORRECTION

The name of Elizabeth Thornton Turner should have been included among the students who received certificates on Friday, June 8, 1917, as reported in the May - June, 1917, number of Library School Notes.

A REQUEST

Library School Notes is published mainly for the benefit of alumni. Its usefulness depends upon its ability to report the doings of former students as well as to record activities at the School. If you appreciate the service it is trying to render as an information medium, please keep the School advised at all times of whatever changes in position or address you make. The immediate step to take toward this end is to fill out the Alumni Register card accompanying this issue.

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